

CHAPTER: XIX APPEALS & HEARINGS	SECTION: 3 DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS	COMAR: 07.03.03.17
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REQUIREMENTS

- A. The local department cannot discriminate against any Family Investment Program (FIP) applicant or customer on the grounds of race, color, national origin, gender, age, marital status, mental or physical disability, or religious or political affiliation
- B. A FIP applicant or customer may not be subjected to any type of separate or segregated treatment

COMPLAINTS

- A. A FIP applicant or customer may file a written complaint stating the events and circumstances of the alleged discrimination with the:
 - 1. Secretary of State
 - 2. Department of Equal Opportunity
 - 3. Office of Civil Rights
United States Department of Health and Human Rights
Region III
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- B. The local department representative must:
 - 1. Assist the applicant or customer with filing the complaint of discrimination
 - 2. Advise the applicant or customer of any legal services available
- C. The Department of Human Resources (DHR) must investigate the complaint of discrimination promptly and notify the complainant of its findings within 60 days

Note: All local departments are required to display a notice regarding discrimination laws.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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